

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, creativity has been a core component of Vermont's history and culture; and

WHEREAS, incorporating that creativity into ideas, involving clay, metal, fiber, wood, and anything else at hand, led to products that helped the people of our state to be sustained and grow; and

WHEREAS, the Seventh Annual American Craft Week invites people around the world to celebrate American-made goods through celebrations and exhibitions by artists and craftspeople from October 1-16 this year; and

WHEREAS, Vermont craftspeople and artists participate in the statewide Fall Open Studio Weekend on October 1-2 and 8-9, as well as other Vermont events that focus on our creative culture; and

WHEREAS, Vermont was the first state to recognize the importance of American Craft Week by becoming its first state sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Vermont State Craft Centers and other galleries throughout the state encourage recognition of the value of locally made goods as part of our creative economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 2016 as

AMERICAN CRAFT MONTH
in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of September, A.D. 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor